

HOUSE No. 2082

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the disclosure of automatic sprinkler information.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2082) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others for legislation to require builders of new dwellings to provide information regarding the benefits of automatic fire sprinkler systems. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to the disclosure of automatic sprinkler information.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1: Chapter 148 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition
2 is hereby amended by inserting after Section 26I, the following new section:

3 Section 26J: (a) At the time of or prior to agreeing to final pricing for construction of a
4 new dwelling with a buyer, a builder shall provide the buyer with a copy of written materials
5 prepared and promulgated by the Department of Fire Services which detail the benefits of an
6 automatic fire sprinkler system. At the same time, a builder shall provide written materials
7 including the costs associated with the installation and maintenance of an automatic fire sprinkler
8 system. The buyer shall acknowledge receipt of the written materials in writing. Upon request of
9 the buyer, the builder shall, at the buyer's expense, install an automatic fire sprinkler system or
10 other requested fire suppression system.

11 (b) Upon a finding that any person has willfully violated this section, the person shall pay
12 for the first offense a civil penalty not less than \$75, and for each subsequent offense, a civil

13 penalty not less than \$150. For purposes of this section, a willful violation occurs when the
14 person committing the violation knew or should have known that the conduct was of the nature
15 prohibited by this section.